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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing by the Director of the CIA Subcommittee of House Appropriations - 25 April 1967

1. The Director met with the CIA Subcommittee of House Appropriations for approximately an hour and twenty minutes. Mr. Mahon was present for only a short time. Representatives Andrews, Bow and Lipscomb were in attendance and Robert Michaels of the staff was also present.

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3. The Director read a paragraph from the weekly Saigon cable to Headquarters, IN 51381, where there is described the injury to a CIA employee as a result of a land mine blowing up a jeep. The point at interest was that [redacted] said that if he were hurt badly and had to be evacuated he wanted someone to audit his operational funds immediately.

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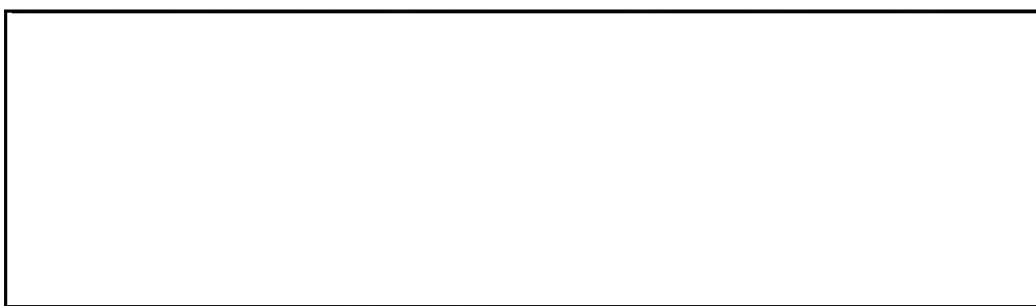
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5. The Director then discussed acquisition by the Agency of component parts of the SA-2 system and parts of the MIG-21 in accordance with the attached briefing. Other topics discussed in line with the attached briefing were:

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6. Mr. Bow inquired whether the cultural revolution in Communist China has affected their support of North Vietnam. The Director stated there is no evidence that the recent turmoil in Communist China has in any way affected their military, space, and nuclear weapons programs nor has it affected the level of their aid to North Vietnam. In response to a question, the Director said there is no information on Chinese "volunteers" in North Vietnam although we are aware of certain engineering battalions. As to Korea, the Director stated that there is no evidence that the North Koreans either intend or have taken any steps to initiate large scale hostilities there.

7. The Director then reviewed the Vietnam situation covering the material in the attached briefing notes. There were some questions concerning the specific number of MIG aircraft shot down and in inventory in North Vietnam. The Director stated he would supply this for the record.

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8. Both Mr. Mahon and Mr. Bow stated in connection with their appointments to the Rusk Task Force they wanted informal guidance and assistance from the Agency. Mr. Mahon did not know when their first meeting would be. The Director stated he would try to do everything possible to be of assistance.

9. Mr. Lipscomb asked some questions about electronic equipment going into Hong Kong and whether it was destined for Communist China. He stated he was under the impression that licensing of these transactions has more than tripled in recent months. Mr. Lipscomb did not ask for any details on this but the Director advised later that he wished to look into this on his own.

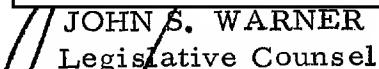
10. Mr. Bow inquired about morale in the Agency and the Director stated that certainly in the middle and senior levels it remained high since these were professionals accustomed to occasional setbacks. Mr. Bow asked for the Director's views on

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11. The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a. m.

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